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**Red Wolf MPI Mine (S/039/0021) - forgery issue**

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Hi Kass,

Paul asked me to update you on the Red Wolf Mine.

After receiving requests for bond release by the operator (Dan Wolfe, who apparently went bankrupt?), I inspected the site, and our rules for regrading were met, except for some large boulders (many 3' and greater). We have required that these large boulders be buried or removed at some sites, but on other sites, boulders have been left at the surface as acceptable. We suggested that Dan Wolfe could obtain a letter from the landowner (Allen Shelley) granting his approval that large boulders remain at the site, if such was the case. We received a letter purportedly signed by the landowner indicating his approval of the entire reclamation job. We approved the earthwork based on the letter.

Later, I took a phone call from the landowner, who we have been cc'ing on outgoing correspondence, and who said that he never signed a letter approving of any reclamation. At our request, he sent a signed letter to that effect, indicating that he disapproved of reclamation, and specifically the boulders.

The landowner has hired someone to do some minor reclamation, and doesn't want Dan Wolf back on his land. I was told by a third party (an employee of the landowner) that the landowner wants to bill Dan Wolfe's former company, Red Wolf Development, which in turn they expect to sue Dan Wolf. I haven't yet confirmed this, and need to try calling Allen Shelley again.

We are preparing to notify Dan Wolfe that he needs to remove the boulders, and have already recommended that he re-seed this fall in order to meet his outstanding revegetation requirements. It is unlikely that he will ever be released from revegetation requirements unless he or someone else scarifies the surface and reseeds the site, based on the weeds growing at the site.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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